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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request acceptance of the above-identified application without the participation of Theron Kotze, a named joint inventor, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a).

Applicants are submitting the following in support of this Petition:

- 1) the Declaration of each of the available joint inventors as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 with the signature block of the non-signing inventor left blank; and
- the Declaration of Sharon A. Johnson setting forth pertinent facts required under
 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) including the last known address of the non-signing joint inventor.

The required fee of \$200.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(g) will be charged to a credit card. Charge or credit Deposit Account No. 13-3080 with any shortage or overpayment of the required fee.

Respectfully submitted.

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